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Dear Sir:

The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449, copies of the non-U.S. patent publications of which are attached, may be material to examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicants submit these references in compliance with their duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to consider these references and to acknowledge such consideration by signing the attached PTO Form 1449 at the appropriate location.

References L and N are in the Japanese language. The relevance of Reference N may be ascertained by reviewing Reference R, which is an English-language abstract of Reference N. In addition, Reference A is believed to be an English-language equivalent of Reference N, and Reference M is believed to be an English-language equivalent of Reference L.

Applicants state that the references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449 were cited in a counterpart Japanese application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). Accordingly, no fees are due in connection with the filing of this IDS. In the event fees are due to effect consideration of the cited references, the Commissioner may charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-0805 (Order No. NGBCP005).

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